

TO: Commissioner Jerry Libbin, Chair

Members of the Sustainability Committee

Dave Doebler – Appointed by Commissioner Jerry Libbin
Lanette Sobel – Appointed by Commissioner Jorge Exposito
Debra Leibowitz – Appointed by Commissioner Deede Weithorn
Liliam Furst – Appointed by Commissioner Jonah Wolfson
Luiz Rodrigues – Appointed by Commissioner Ed Tobin
Gabriole Van Bryce – Appointed by Commissioner Michael Gongora
Mitch Novick – Appointed by Mayor Matti Herrera Bower

DATE: October 15, 2013

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2013.

The attendees were as follows: Committee members: Dave Doebler, Luiz Rodrigues, Liliam Furst, Mitch Novick, and Gabriole Van Bryce.

Absentees: Lanette Sobel and Debra Leibowitz.

City Staff: Betsy Wheaton, Environmental Resources Manager; Margarita Wells, Environmental Specialist; and, Ariel Moger, Environmental Intern.

Guests: Nancy Maidique, Chair of the Tobacco-Free Workgroup.

1. Minutes Review

a. Motion to approve the July meeting minutes made by Ms. Van Bryce, seconded by Mr. Rodrigues. Minutes approved unanimously.

2. Sustainability Committee Work Plan

a. Air Quality & Climate Change.

i. Ms. Maidique introduced the Committee to the Tobacco-Free Workgroup's efforts and initiatives to reduce tobacco use and secondhand smoke exposure. She discussed non-smoking policies successfully implemented in South Florida, including the recent conversion of Florida International University into a smoke-free campus. Mr. Doebler indicated that the City's first step should be to install signage that designates public parks as tobacco-free areas and to rely on parents and other concerned residents to help enforce this policy. If this approach is successful, the Committee recommended expanding it to other public areas, as well as other initiatives like litter reduction. MOTION: The Sustainability Committee recommends that the Administration replicate the County's strategy to implement a "Thank You for Not Smoking" or "Tobacco-Free Zone" campaign in parks. Motion made by Mr. Doebler, seconded by Mr. Rodrigues. Passed unanimously.

b. Community Outreach & Participation.

i. Ms. Wells and Ms. Wheaton highlighted the City's education and outreach efforts in FY 2012/13. Mr. Doebler expressed interest in establishing a Citizens Volunteer Corps to assist with the execution of these events. Ms. Wheaton agreed and mentioned that ECOMB, as part of the grant they were awarded by City Commission, is required to establish a volunteer

- network for recycling education and outreach. Mr. Rodrigues added that the volunteers could be trained in specific areas and could be dispatched to address issues in their area of expertise.
- ii. Ms. Wheaton reminded the Committee that America Recycles Day is November 15.

c. Solid Waste Management.

i. Commissioner Libbin updated the Committee on the three recycling items discussed at the September Commission meeting. He indicated that the revision of the "Multi-family Residential Dwelling Units" item was referred back to the Neighborhoods and Community Affairs Committee (NCAC) for discussion, that the implementation date for the recycling ordinance fines was extended to June 2014, and that the special events recycling requirement was passed.

3. New Business

- a. Mr. Novick requested to be included as a member of the Waste Hauler evaluation committee. ACTION: When the RFP is issued, Mr. Novick will be recommended to be included as a member of the committee.
- b. Mr. Doebler asked to give a presentation to the Committee in October on his Clean Waterways project. ACTION: Staff to include Mr. Doebler to the October agenda.
- c. Commissioner Libbin asked that the October agenda be limited to two items, including a summary of his and Ms. Wheaton's trip to the Netherlands.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

The proceedings of this meeting have been recorded. Please contact Patricia Bocio at 305.673.7080 or phocio@miamibeachfl.gov for more information.

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